

Dear Governor Bullock

I have spent a large portion of my life living on the edge of Aluminum plant property. As a teenager my sister and I spent many hours riding horses or walking it. In 1977 and 1978 I worked in the pot lines, watching it be 'modernized' from pushing and pulling a jackhammer to being able to push a button to cool down the pots.

For the last twenty years I have lived on the edge of the meadow one block south of Aluminum drive. My husband and I spent our retirement money and the last several years of our life building a small energy smart house. The lot we purchased 6 or 7 years ago (I rented the lot up until that time) sold for \$75,000. The lot next to us, same size and view just appraised for \$25,000.

I took a recent walk down Aluminum drive, snow still in the fields to mark the trails of animals crossing to go to the river. I counted 12 used trails going across Aluminum Dr. in the stretch of about ¾ of a mile. I have seen elk, coyote, wolf and bear in the meadow in the last several years.

I have an immense interest in what happens to the property, and apparently I am not alone. The Governor and Senator Tester along with some local representatives seem to have something in the paper every week. I have some questions that I would like considered.

- 1) When tearing down the building what care will be taken for the river and for us living so close to the site? Is there a concern of what building materials were used that may be harmful to people or the animals that frequently cross to get to the river? When cleaning up the super fund site what care will be taken for the river and nearby property owners?
- 2) With so much interest in the site is something in the works? I keep hearing how valuable that spot is. I am assuming that it is because of the rail crossing right there. But a wild and scenic river is also right there. And what manufacturing is waiting for a spot to build?
- 3) With our President and members of congress pushing for the passage of TPP is it possible that a foreign country could buy it and NOT be accountable to our environmental laws. That is my understanding of Trans Pacific Partnership, what appears to be a very secretive agenda.

I will admit it is a very personal, selfish reason I write this. I want what I have enjoyed and worked for to continue; I want my beautiful view. I also want the animals to have access to the river-it is obvious that many use the tree line to travel back and forth. I am all for living wage jobs, something very much lacking in this country. I just wonder why we have the mentality that more-more-more is better?

Sincerely,

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